(c) The Government of Karnataka expressed that western values are being thrust at the cost of Indian heritage through foreign satellite channels and hence a National Media Policy should be evolved. The Government of West Bengal mentioned that foreign broadcasters represent corporate culture of western world and are ignorant of and indifferent to the realities of the third world countries. Allowing uplinking facilities to foreign satellite channels from Indian soil may encourage them to participate in other media sectors as well. Government of Tripura conveyed its concern over the bad impact of private cable TV programmes on the younger generation.

(d) Government have noted the above views.

Survey for tourist facilities in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh

1217. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted of the need for tourist facilities in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh along the National Highway;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not had a proactive policy to help establishment tourist amenities near small towns; and

(c) the reasons for neglect of this sector?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the Tourism Policy has identified Kolleru lake in West Godavari District as thrust area for the development of Tourism.

(b) and (c) The creation of tourist amenities is the responsibility of the State/Union Territory Govts, however, the Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance to State Govts. for projects based on their merits inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

Exploitation of International routes by Indian carriers

1218. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to constraints of aircraft capacity and operating crew certain international routes are not being utilised to their full entitlements by Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to initiate in this regard so that international routes are exploited to the maximum by Indian carriers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Air India/Indian Airlines have by and large inducted adequate capacity on internaitonal routes commensurate with the traffic potential.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

NICD proposal for national campaign against rabies

1219. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NICD has proposed a national campaign against rabies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the national campaign against rabies;

(d) whether such proposal has been accepted;

(e) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh will be considered to intimate such anti-rabies campaign; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (f) The National Institute of Communicable Diseases have highlighted the need to involve the States in the prevention and control of Rabies. Recently, a decision was taken to start sensitizing public representatives, the media and the public about the need for compulsory licensing of dogs, supported by vaccinations and the reduction of the stray dog population in a human manner as adopted in other countries. The effort is to involve all States in the exercise. The production of anti-rabies vaccine has also been reviewed recently and efforts have been intensified to produce tissue culture based vaccines within the country. Measures are taken in the normal course by State Governments to meet their requirements of rabies vaccines from vaccine production centres.

Amounts of provisions made and bad debts writen off by public sector banks

1220. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts of provisions made and bad debts writen off by each of the public sector banks during the last three years;

(b) classification of provisions made and write-off of advances to agriculture, small scale industry, small business, medium scale industry and large scale industry; and

(c) amounts, if any, subsequently recovered from bad debts written off during the last three years categorywise and how much recoverable amounts have been appropriated?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As informed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) the amounts of provisions made and bad debts written off by each of the Public Sector Banks during the last three years are given in Statement-I and II respectively (see below).

(b) The information in the manner asked for is not available with RBI. However, the classification of write off of bad debts into agriculture, Small Scale Industry and Industry is given below:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Bad debts written off			
	Agriculture	Small Scale Industry (SSI)	Industry	Others
1993-94	142.63	185.19	368.33	1434.16
1994-95	198.00	216.89	475.46	1377.30
1995-96	136.33	79.17	179.06	1347.65

(c) RBI's data reporting system does not generate information in the manner asked for.